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Sir,

I have the honour to refer to the discussions in the Security Council at its meetings of 23, 24 and 25 October and to the proposals and offer of assistance which I made to the parties. The Security Council, at its 1025th meeting on 25 October, decided to adjourn for a time in order to enable the parties to carry out their negotiations and to avail themselves of my offer of assistance.

I now wish to inform the Security Council that the parties concerned have reached an agreement for the inspection of ships inbound for Cuban ports as one of the modalities for the solution of the problem before the Security Council. Such inspection, it has been agreed, would involve the use of personnel of the International Committee of the Red Cross with collaboration of the Secretary-General.

Further modalities on other aspects are being negotiated. It is my intention to report to the Council as soon as the agreement or agreements are finalized by the parties. In the meanwhile, I wish to inform the Security Council that I am proceeding immediately with those steps required for initial implementation in view of their urgent necessity in the maintenance of international peace and security.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

U Thant
Acting Secretary-General

The President of the Security Council